

# Local plan for Jackson, Noonga and District

**This local community plan is a direction-setting document with objectives setting out “what” the district communities, businesses, government agencies and Council propose for Jackson, Noonga and District surrounds.**

**Action plans will set out “how” the objectives are to be achieved. They are separate documents. Action plans are prepared when people, organisations, businesses or governments are ready to provide leadership and allocates resources to a project.**

**The objectives in the local plan are to be read in conjunction with Maranoa region-wide objectives (refer to the Maranoa region-wide strategies for Business & Industry, Tourism, Arts & Culture, Sport & Recreation and community lifestyle in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan).**

**Because the objectives in this local plan have community support, the objectives can be used by local organisations and businesses to support applications for grants and other funding.**

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Jackson is a small town beside the Warrego Highway between Miles and Roma with a strong sense of its history. First settled by pioneers, the town of Jackson had a strong connection with the railway and supports the surrounding agricultural communities.

Residents of the district access most of their services from Roma or Miles, including education and health. District sustainability rests on agricultural industries, mainly grains and livestock.

Town sustainability is based upon the local library and post office, which also offer a community meeting space. Tourism in Jackson has growth potential, as part of a visitor economy that encompasses local history, agricultural and industrial tourism. Jackson features historical buildings, including the QCWA Hall and the Old Play Shed, "Tribute to Pioneers". Jackson is also the starting place of the Maranoa's bushranger history.

Two quarries and a major waste treatment facility contribute to local industry.

Noonga is a small agricultural community, approximately 23km north of Jackson, with history and independence. Features of the Noonga community include the community hall and tennis courts, old cream shed and dingo fence. Activities at Noonga Community Hall attract attendees from the other district communities of Yuleba, Jackson and Wallumbilla, and the Western Downs. Tourism around Noonga has growth potential, as part of a visitor economy that encompasses local history, agricultural tourism and recreational activities.

Jackson and Noonga are on the eastern boundary of the Maranoa region and share connections to both the Maranoa and Western Downs regions with sport, recreation and commerce. State primary and secondary education for children in the Noonga and Jackson communities is provided in Dulacca and Miles, because of the state school bus routes. Major health services are usually accessed in Roma or Toowoomba with Wallumbilla Hospital and its allied health service used for general medical support.

Many of the broader aims for the districts of Jackson and Noonga are set out in the Maranoa-wide objectives contained in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan. This Jackson and Noonga districts local plan sets out those local objectives which are specific to the Jackson and Noonga districts. These local objectives provide the framework for local action plans.

## NOTE:

References to the "Maranoa region" in this document refer to the Maranoa Regional Council Area as defined by the Queensland Government.

References to the "Western Downs" in this document refer to the Western Downs Regional Council Area as defined by the Queensland Government.

# OBJECTIVES

What we want to achieve

## Community Life

### What we want to achieve...

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| <b>1.1</b> | <b>Together, we will continue to ensure that the Jackson and Noonga district communities, as part of the Maranoa region, are well known for their friendly, relaxed and welcoming community spirit and where every resident is a valued respected member of the community</b> |
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To achieve these aims, the Jackson and Noonga district communities support the Community Life objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan.

Specific Community Life objectives for the Jackson and Noonga district communities are set out below:

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| <b>1.1.1</b> | Jackson CWA Hall and Play Shed precinct, and surrounding recreation facilities (see list) continue to be the focal points of local community activities of the Jackson district  |
| <b>1.1.2</b> | Noonga Hall, tennis court and recreation grounds continue to be the focal point of local community activities of the Noonga district   |
| <b>1.1.3</b> | Weekly, monthly, annual and seasonal events (see list) continue to be a highlight of the Jackson and Noonga district community activities, encouraging opportunities for wider social engagement between residents and visitors in the Jackson and Noonga districts, and the other district communities. |
| <b>1.1.4</b> | Jackson and Noonga community members continue to engage in events in Yuleba, Wallumbilla and Roma, recognising that the local communities also have connections to the Western Downs communities of Dulacca, Drillham and Miles.   |
| <b>1.2</b>   | <b>Together we will continue to create an environment where our older residents are safe, secure, valued, included and continue to actively participate in community life</b>  |

To achieve these aims, the Jackson and Noonga district communities supports the Community Life objectives for older residents in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan.

Specific Community Life objectives for older residents of the Jackson and Noonga district communities are set out below, acknowledging that most specialists and high care accommodation services are in Roma and Miles:

1.2.1	Council and the Jackson and Noonga district communities review disabled or mobility restricted access to the halls, recreation and tourist facilities, and other key areas of Jackson and Noonga
1.2.2	The Jackson and Noonga communities support actions to enhance the mentoring roles of older residents for the younger generations in their communities.
1.3	<b>Together, we will continue to create an environment where our children and young people are cared for, safe, actively engaged, and have access to support networks and developmental pathways which will encourage and stimulate them to reach their full potential.</b>

To achieve these aims, the Jackson and Noonga district communities supports the Community Life objectives for children and younger people in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan.

Specific Community Life objectives for children and younger people of the Jackson and Noonga district communities are set out below, acknowledging that most activities and higher education services are in Roma with local state primary and secondary education provided in Dulacca and Miles:

1.3.1	Jackson and Noonga district communities continues to integrate and mentor young people in local Jackson and Noonga organisations
1.3.2	Jackson and Noonga district communities continues to provide opportunities for young people to actively participate and have roles and responsibilities in local community events
1.3.3	The Jackson and Noonga halls and surrounding playgrounds and recreation areas continue to be enhanced as spaces that welcome and engage children and young people
1.4	<b>Together, we will continue to ensure that the Jackson and Noonga district communities, as part of the Maranoa region, helps create local and regional communities that are proud of their heritage, culturally dynamic, nurture inspiring artistic expression and stimulate viable creative enterprises.</b>

To achieve these aims, the Jackson and Noonga district communities supports the “Community Life” objectives for arts and culture in the Maranoa-wide Arts and Culture Strategy and the Maranoa-wide Community Pan.

Specific “Community Life” objectives for arts and culture in the Jackson and Noonga district communities are set out below, acknowledging that most activities are in Roma and other, larger regional towns

<b>1.4.1</b>	The heritage and cultural precincts, including the CWA Hall and Play Shed in Jackson, and the Noonga Hall at Noonga continue to be progressively enhanced.
<b>1.4.2</b>	The Jackson and Noonga halls and the Jackson Council Library continue to be maintained as community hubs, providing spaces for learning, skill development, cultural activities and exhibitions
<b>1.4.3</b>	The Jackson and Noonga district communities continue to engage with arts and culture groups in Yuleba, Wallumbilla, Roma and across the Maranoa region, and in Drillham, Miles and Chinchilla to strengthen local arts and culture and to enhance the prospects of local commercially viable enterprises
<b>1.4.4</b>	The existing heritage and cultural trails in the Jackson and Noonga district are enhanced and their linkages to other trails are strengthened
<b>1.4.5</b>	The Jackson and Noonga district communities continues to present festivals and community events in Jackson and Noonga, and is an active participant in events in Yuleba, Wallumbilla, and Roma as well as other places across the region and in the Western Downs.
<b>1.4.6</b>	The Jackson and Noonga district communities continue to support the Regional Arts Development Fund, Council Community Grants and other grants as a vital elements in the nurturing of the arts in regional communities.
<b>1.4.7</b>	The Wallumbilla and district communities ensures that its arts and culture organisations, facilities and events are included in regional organisation lists and event calendars and up to date.

# Active, Healthy, Community

## What we want to achieve...

2.1

**Together, we will continue to enhance the delivery of a high standard of healthcare which is holistic, innovative and services the needs of all residents locally with an emphasis on preventative health programs**

To achieve these aims, the Jackson and Noonga district communities supports the “Active Healthy Community” objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan.

Specific “Healthy Community” objectives for the Jackson and Noonga district communities are set out below, acknowledging that most major health services are in Roma, Toowoomba and Brisbane, with general medical and dental services used in Wallumbilla, Miles and Wandoan.

2.1.1

The Jackson and Noonga district communities supports the enhancement of Roma as the regional hub for major healthcare services, including dental, mental health, general, allied and specialist services.

2.1.2

The Jackson and Noonga district communities support the enhancement of Wallumbilla Hospital and its allied health services as important and accessible local health services.

2.1.3

Communications about the availability of medical and health services should include services available at Roma, Wallumbilla, Miles and Wandoan.

2.2

**Together, we will continue to positively contribute to community wellbeing through the provision of a diverse range of sporting and recreational opportunities, facilities and open spaces for all residents which encourage active lifestyle options and high levels of participation and facility utilisation**

To achieve these aims, the Jackson and Noonga district communities supports the “Active Healthy Community” objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan and the Maranoa-wide Sport and Recreation Strategy

Specific “Active Community” objectives for the Jackson and Noonga district communities are set out below, acknowledging that most sport and recreation activities are in Roma and larger towns in the Maranoa region as well as in the neighbouring Western Downs and Banana regions

2.2.1

Council, the Jackson and Noonga district communities and the regional community need to ensure the development of integrated management plans for sports precincts across the Maranoa takes account of the needs of smaller regional communities like Jackson and Noonga.

<p><b>2.2.2</b></p>	<p>The Jackson and Noonga district communities continue to maintain and enhance their links with Yuleba, Wallumbilla, Roma and the Western Downs communities to create opportunities for local children, youth and other residents to become part of teams and access a wide range of sporting and recreational activities.</p>
<p><b>2.2.3</b></p>	<p>The Noonga district community continue to maintain and enhance its recreational spaces for young people which are engaging, safe and encourage inter-generational interaction, including the Noonga Hall and Noonga tennis courts.</p>
<p><b>2.2.4</b></p>	<p>Council and the Jackson and Noonga district communities define and develop a network of walking paths for district residents which will also serve as heritage and tourist walks</p>
<p><b>2.2.5</b></p>	<p>Communications about sport and recreation organisations, facilities and events should include those available at Roma, Wallumbilla, Miles and Wandoan.</p>
<p><b>2.2.6</b></p>	<p>The Jackson and Noonga district communities and Council ensures that their sport and recreation organisations, facilities and events are included in regional organisation lists and event calendars</p>

# Naturally Sustainable Environment

## What we want to achieve...

**3.1**

**The Jackson and Noonga district communities will strive to conserve, restore and enhance the Maranoa’s natural environment and assets and proactively seek out opportunities to reduce our ecological footprint at local level.**

To achieve these aims, the Jackson and Noonga district communities supports the “Naturally Sustainable Environment” objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan and the Maranoa-wide Business and Industry Strategy

Specific “Naturally Sustainable Environment” objectives for the Jackson and Noonga district communities are set out below, acknowledging that many environmental activities contribute to larger regional, state, national and global plans:

**3.1.1**

The Jackson and Noonga district communities uses the Connected Futures community planning hub as a tool for helping the local communities to document local natural resources, identify fire and flood hazards and record prevention and/or damage mitigation strategies

**3.1.2**

Natural environment interpretive signs are incorporated on trails developed in the Jackson and Noonga districts

**3.1.3**

To reduce the impacts of wild dogs on livestock, wild dog measures continue to be implemented, including use of exclusion fencing

**3.1.4**

Parthenium and other high impact weeds continue to be the target of control programs on stock routes and other lands.



## Where we live

### What we want to achieve...

4.1

**Together, the Jackson and Noonga district communities, in conjunction with Council, government agencies and business, will provide accommodation options which meet the lifecycle needs of existing and potential residents in safe, liveable, affordable, well planned and sustainable neighbourhoods**

To achieve these aims, the Jackson and Noonga district communities supports the "Housing and Neighbourhood" objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan, the Maranoa-wide Business and Industry Strategy and the Maranoa Planning Scheme

Specific "Housing and Neighbourhood" objectives for the Jackson and Noonga district communities are set out below, acknowledging that local housing supply in Jackson, Noonga and district is affected by the housing supply in Roma, Wallumbilla and Yuleba, by resource industry business decisions and by wider economic, social and environmental considerations

4.1.1

Council and the Jackson district communities assess housing supply and other accommodation in Jackson to determine future needs

4.1.2

Council and the Jackson and Noonga district communities develop detailed local place-making plans for Jackson and Noonga

4.1.3

In conjunction with the "Active Community" objective for trails, Council and the Wallumbilla and district communities continue to define, develop and improve a network of walking paths which improve connectivity and accessibility within the town while also serving as heritage and tourist walks.

4.1.4

Local communities and Council use the Connected Futures local community planning tool to document and share local knowledge, options, project information about place-making strategies, trails, facilities and tourism plans.

4.2

**Together, the Jackson and Noonga district communities, Council and government agencies will continue to maintain and enhance efficient public facilities and infrastructure which enhances the liveability of the Jackson and Noonga districts.**

To achieve these aims, the Jackson and Noonga district communities support the “Public Facilities and Infrastructure” objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan, the Maranoa-wide Business and Industry Strategy and the Maranoa Regional Council Corporate Plan

Specific “Public Facilities and Infrastructure” objectives for the Jackson and Noonga district communities are set out below, acknowledging that the availability of facilities and infrastructure in Jackson, Noonga and district is influenced by the supply across the Maranoa region and wider economic, social and environmental considerations

<b>4.2.1</b>	Council and the Jackson and Noonga district communities identify and prioritise key public infrastructure improvements (particularly for local halls, shade, footpaths, park facilities, parking and signage).
<b>4.2.2</b>	Local communities and Council use the Connected Futures local community planning tool to document and share local priorities for key public infrastructure improvements.

## Maranoa on the move

### What we want to achieve...

5.1

**Together, the Jackson and Noonga district communities, in conjunction with business, and government, will strive to provide transport systems that are well connected and enable the efficient movement of people and products throughout the Maranoa.**

To achieve these aims, the Jackson and Noonga district communities supports the “Maranoa on the Move” transport objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan, the Maranoa-wide Business and Industry Strategy and the Maranoa Planning Scheme

Specific “Maranoa on the Move” transport objectives for the Jackson and Noonga district communities are set out below, acknowledging that the availability of transport infrastructure and services in Jackson, Noonga and district is closely linked to those across the Maranoa region, Queensland and Australia

5.1.1

The Jackson and Noonga district communities supports the further exploration by the Maranoa regional community, Council and business of alternative Uber-type flexible, affordable transport options for places like the Jackson and Noonga district

5.1.2

Review footpaths, trails and public facility access to identify and prioritise improvements to assist access by people with disabilities, parents with strollers, older residents and cyclists.

5.1.3

Explore the reduction of speed limits, and the addition of turning lanes on the state-controlled road beside Jackson

5.1.4

Review parking opportunities for heavy vehicles, caravans and motorhomes in Jackson and Noonga.

5.1.5

Manage the district road network so that all local roads are maintained and renewed in accordance with asset management plans that adhere to road standards in accordance with road use.

5.1.6

Review entry into Jackson off Warrego Highway and railway crossing, including conversion of railway “Stop” sign to “Give Way” and the Jackson Wandoan Road intersection.

5.1.7

Upgrade the Jackson Wandoan Road

# Foundations of the future

## What we want to achieve...

6.1

**The Jackson and Noonga district communities will continue to work with the Maranoa regional community, government and business to enhance learning and skill development pathways for all residents.**

To achieve these aims, the Jackson and Noonga district communities support the “Learning and Skills Development” objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan and the Maranoa- wide Business and Industry Strategy

Specific “Learning and Skills Development” objectives for the Jackson and Noonga district communities are set out below, acknowledging that Roma is the education and training hub for the Maranoa region

6.1.1

Provide Jackson and Noonga district communities support to the delivery of workforce capacity building workshops to address skills such as resume writing, interview skills, customer service, workplace etiquette and professional writing.

6.1.2

Encourage Jackson and Noonga district communities participation in workshops to assist and support small business owners and potential owners.

6.1.3

Encourage Jackson and Noonga district communities participation in guest speaker programs intended to inform, inspire and motivate the local business community and support them with their professional and business development.

6.1.4

The Jackson and Noonga district communities supports the development of an education and training hub for Roma to allow students to study externally with the support of a local well-resourced learning centre and provide alternative and flexible pathways for education, training and employment

6.1.5

The Jackson and Noonga district communities provide support to projects and programs which continue to enhance accessibility to information on improved agricultural and grazing practices to support continued industry growth, efficiencies and encourage best practice.

6.2

**The Jackson and Noonga district communities will continue to work with the Maranoa regional community to enhance a smart economy which fosters innovation and sustainable and underpinned by a highly skilled and energetic labour force**

To achieve these aims, the Jackson and Noonga district communities support the “Smart Economy” objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan and the Maranoa-wide Business and Industry Strategy

Specific “Smart Economy” objectives for the Jackson and Noonga district communities are set out below:

6.2.1	Provide Jackson and Noonga district communities support for the strengthening Roma’s role as a strong regional centre which can attract higher order services and people who help support a smarter economy and acknowledging that Jackson and Noonga benefits accordingly
6.2.2	The Jackson and Noonga district continue to communities promote and encourage the benefits of professional development for individuals and the advantages of high service standards and customer focus within a business.
6.2.3	Encourage and promote the benefits of partnerships and collaborations within the Jackson and Noonga district communities and with the wider regional communities, especially Yuleba, Wallumbilla, Roma and the Western Downs.
6.2.4	Encourage creative and ongoing re-invention of businesses enterprises in the Jackson and Noonga districts to service the retail, business and personal needs of local residents and visitors.
6.2.5	Strengthen recognition and support for mobile business operations as very effective and efficient means of servicing the rural communities of Noonga and Jackson.
6.2.6	Encourage Jackson and Noonga district communities and local business use of the “Connected Futures” local community planning hub as a tool for business and the community
6.3	<b>The Jackson and Noonga district communities will continue to work with the Maranoa regional community to enhance the region’s ability to communicate globally through reliable contemporary telecommunications technologies and networking systems.</b>

To achieve these aims, the Jackson and Noonga district communities support the “Smart Telecommunications” objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan and the Maranoa- wide Business and Industry Strategy

Specific “Smart Telecommunications” objectives for the Jackson and Noonga district communities are set out below:

6.3.1	Continue Jackson and Noonga district communities support for the enhanced provision of information and delivery of initiatives which ensure that local residents, businesses and industry are aware of and have access to contemporary and new technologies, programs and services.
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6.3.2	Jackson and Noonga residents and visitors have access to reliable landline and mobile phone services, as well as a 24hour telephone and internet access points in Jackson.
6.3.3	Continue Jackson and Noonga district communities support for the role of the Jackson Library as a provider and facilitator of techno-literacy, offering public internet access, accessibility to technical devices, e-books and audio items
6.4	<b>Together we will have a visitor economy where the Jackson and Noonga district are key partners in making the Maranoa a prominent destination for outback tourists, events and visitor experiences</b>

To achieve these aims, the Jackson and Noonga district communities support the “Visitor Economy” objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan, Maranoa-wide Tourism Plan and the Maranoa-wide Business and Industry Strategy

Specific “Visitor Economy” objectives for the Jackson and Noonga district communities are set out below:

6.4.1	Jackson CWA Hall and Play Shed precinct and the Jackson-Noonga Country Insights Drive Trail continues to be enhanced as attractions in Jackson and Noonga district.
6.4.2	Signs in Jackson provide visitor information services, primarily oriented towards the local district and the journey between Miles and Roma and south to Surat
6.4.3	Noonga Hall precinct be enhanced so that tourists have a greater appreciation of the history of the hall, former provisional school site and the former self-created town of Noonga.
6.4.4	Explore ways to show visitors the historical places and buildings that used to exist in the Jackson and Noonga districts, including the three Jackson sawmills, former police barracks and the original Noonga town
6.4.5	Enhance existing drive trails and development of new trails to provide quality pathways for tourist to explore the history and natural environment of Jackson and Noonga
6.4.6	Develop a unique Jackson and Noonga product that will make visitors (including children) want to make repeat visits.
6.4.7	Signage, publications and electronic media are used to present visitors with a network of recreation, heritage and tourist trails and experiences in Jackson and Noonga districts and representing Jackson and Noonga as features on the Maranoa drive trails

<b>6.4.8</b>	Jackson and Noonga representatives become part of the Maranoa network of visitor economy organisations which seek agreement across the Maranoa about regional branding and the sharing of stories between communities
<b>6.4.9</b>	Comprehensive tourism plan to be developed for Jackson and Noonga in the context of the Maranoa region, with an emphasis on the history of the early settlement of the Maranoa
<b>6.4.10</b>	Enhanced communication with local community about the importance of their roles in the visitor economy.
<b>6.4.11</b>	Produce guides for residents to give (or email) to visiting friends and family on things to do in the Maranoa and encourage residents to invite friends and family to the major local events
<b>6.4.12</b>	Development and delivery of educational tourism opportunities relating to local industries to expand visitor experiences and engage the local community.

## Progressive, inclusive and strong local leadership

### What we want to achieve...

**7.1** Together, the Jackson and Noonga district communities, as part of the Maranoa regional community, will continue to foster a network of community, business and industry organisations which have long term plans combined with innovative and responsive leadership

To achieve these aims, the Jackson and Noonga district communities supports the “Local Leadership” objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan and the Maranoa Regional Council Corporate Plan

Specific “Local Leadership” objectives for the Jackson and Noonga district communities are set out below:

**7.1.1** Local community, industry and business organisations in Jackson, Noonga and district adopt long term plans and invest in the skill development of existing and future leaders

**7.1.2** Local community, industry and business organisations in the Jackson and Noonga districts nurture innovation and responsiveness as part of their corporate culture so as to remain flexible in how their long term plans are achieved

**7.1.3** Local community, industry and business organisations explore “experience” options, combined with transport and accommodation packages, that could encourage volunteers to spend time in the Jackson and Noonga districts



# PLACES

	Business & Industry	Tourism	Sport & Recreation	Arts & Culture	Heritage	Health	Education	Youth & Children	Older persons	Community Spirit	Public Safety
QCWA Hall					✓				✓		
Jackson Old Play Shed		✓		✓	✓		✓				
Jackson Library				✓			✓	✓	✓		
Jackson Post Office	✓										
Playground			✓					✓		✓	
Jackson Cemetery											
Noonga Hall			✓							✓	
Noonga Tennis Courts			✓							✓	
Jackson Noonga Country Insights Drive (Drive Trail)		✓								✓	
The Four Schools of Noonga		✓								✓	
The old Noonga Cream Shed		✓								✓	
Dingo Barrier Fence		✓								✓	
Bendemere Station Heritage Site		✓								✓	

# ORGANISATIONS

	Business & Industry	Tourism	Sport & Recreation	Arts & Culture	Heritage	Health	Education	Youth & Children	Older persons	Community Spirit	Public Safety
Jackson CWA				✓	✓					✓	
Jackson Town & Country Community Group			✓	✓	✓					✓	
Noonga Community Association			✓	✓	✓					✓	
Jackson Rural Fire Brigade											✓

# EVENTS

	Business & Industry	Tourism	Sport & Recreation	Arts & Culture	Heritage	Health	Education	Youth & Children	Older persons	Community Spirit	Public Safety
Anzac Day					✓		✓			✓	
Australia Day			✓	✓	✓					✓	
Noonga Tennis Comps			✓							✓	
Noonga Old Time Dance			✓						✓	✓	
Noonga Pilates			✓							✓	
School holiday program			✓					✓		✓	
Youth Week								✓		✓	
Seniors Week									✓	✓	
Jackson Community Christmas Party			✓							✓	
Noonga Community Christmas Party			✓							✓	